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## Avian Influenza in Asia

The outbreak of avian influenza in major exporting countries in Asia, like Thailand and China, has opened opportunities for other countries to increase export markets.

Argentina has increased chicken meat exports from 15,637 in 1999 to 27,389 in 2002, an increase of 75 percent. As a percent of production, exports were fairly stable, from 2 percent in 1999 to 3 percent in 2003.

Australia's exports grew 22 percent from 1999 to 2002 and production grew 20 percent. Exports as a percent of production were stable at 2 percent. South Africa is the largest export market, taking 40 percent of all shipments. Hong Kong accounts for 20 percent of exports, followed by China with 6 percent and Sri Lanka with 5 percent.

Chile signed a free trade agreement with South Korea in 2002, which opened the Korean market. Chile has already increased chicken exports to the European Union after signing a Free Trade Agreement with the EU. Chile also has veterinary licenses to export to Hong Kong. In 2002 Chile had an outbreak of avian influenza which cut sharply into exports that year. Exports in 2003 were expected to rebound.

## Production of Chicken Meat in metric tons

Country	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Argentina	940,390	957,790	950,652	930,000	931,500
Australia	575,000	610,000	619,406	667,471	689,826
Chile	344,015	378,111	407,847	378,634	397,564
India	738,000	972,000	1,125,000	1,260,000	1,440,000
Philippines	496,429	533,118	587,067	627,104	655,000

## Exports of Chicken Meat in metric tons

Country	1999	2000	2001	2002
Argentina	15,637	16,616	17,171	27,389
Australia	13,853	14,127	20,367	16,853
Chile	11,837	13,457	23,361	17,652
India	26	84	26	450
Philippines	0	7	29	40

The Philippines exported less than one percent of chicken meat production in 2002. Imports were very light, consisting of just over one percent of domestic consumption. Although the Philippines would like to increase exports, they can't expand production quickly enough to take advantage of the current situation. The Philippines Agriculture Secretary wants to keep domestic poultry in the country to ensure the food security of Filipinos.

India has almost doubled production from 1999 to 2003, climbing 95 percent. Exports increased dramatically, from 26 metric tons in 1999 to 450 metric tons in 2002. India ranked sixth in poultry production in 2002, behind the United States, Brazil, the European Union, China, and Mexico. India exports to the Middle East.

Sources: USDA/FAS and ERS, FAO, various news stories

## Temporary Trade Restrictions for U.S. Poultry

A strain of the H7 avian influenza was detected in a small flock of chickens in Delaware. All birds on the farm, a total of 12,000 birds, were destroyed and composted on premise. None of the birds ever left the farm. Tests of flocks in a two mile radius of the affected farm have been negative and flocks within six miles of the farm are under surveillance.

According to various news sources, Russia, Hong Kong, Mexico and the Philippines banned poultry products from Delaware. China, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Poland and Saudi Arabia banned poultry products from the entire U.S. EU Health Commissioner David Byrne said the EU does not plan to ban U.S. poultry.

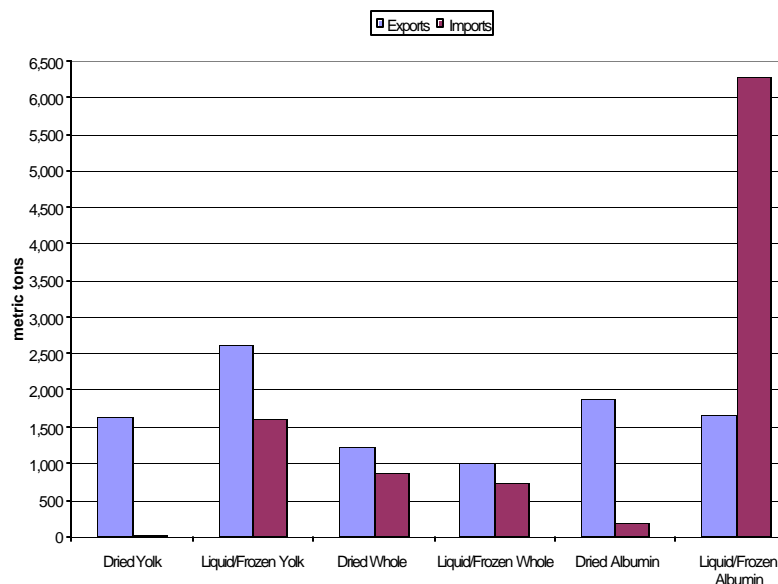
Sources: Various news stories

## Canadian International Trade, Jan-Nov 2003, Shell Eggs

### Fresh/Preserved/Cooked

	Exports		Imports	
	C\$	Dozens	C\$	Dozens
Shell Eggs	129,515	51,769	16,682,977	14,384,600

## Canadian International Trade, Jan-Nov 2003, Egg Products



Source: Statistics Canada

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending January 31, 2004	Year-To-Date			
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
LIQUID	0	206	392	1,253
FROZEN	0	0	0	0
DRIED	0	0	9	44
TOTAL	0	206	401	1,297

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending January 31, 2004	Year-To-Date			
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
LIQUID	168	233	512	636
FROZEN	9	79	12	211
DRIED	120	0	315	40
TOTAL	297	312	839	887

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending January 31, 2004	Year-To-Date			
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
JUMBO	0	0	50	0
EXTRA LARGE	0	150	0	150
LARGE	800	200	2,893	1,105
MEDIUM	750	360	780	380
UNGRADED	0	0	0	1,470
MISC	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,550	710	3,723	3,105

Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Feb 6, 2004				
<b>CHICKEN</b>	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

PRICES					VOLUME	
(Cents per Pound)						
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT		
15% OR LESS						
RANGE	-	13.00-17.00	61,200	-		
WTD AVERAGE		14.33				
15-20%						
RANGE	14.00	11.00-14.00	2,040,000	652,800		
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	11.73				
20% OR MORE						
RANGE	-	12.00	20,400	-		
WTD AVERAGE		12.00				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 31-Jan-04

(PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,274	1,255	2,529
LAST WEEK	1,429	1,228	2,657
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,579	1,443	3,022
TO-DATE/2004	5,487	5,073	10,560
TO-DATE/2003	6,902	5,653	12,555

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	221	0	221
LAST WEEK	309	18	327
SAME WEEK YR AGO	337	14	351
TO-DATE/2004	1,219	18	1,237
TO-DATE/2003	1,528	29	1,557

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,495	1,255	2,750
LAST WEEK	1,738	1,246	2,984
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,916	1,457	3,373
TO-DATE/2004	6,706	5,091	11,797
TO-DATE/2003	8,430	5,682	14,112

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Feb 6, 2004				
<b>CHICKEN</b>	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

PRICES					VOLUME	
(Cents per Pound)						
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT		
15% OR LESS						
RANGE	13.50-16.50	15.00	1,078,000	628,000		
WTD AVERAGE	15.08	15.00				
15-20%						
RANGE	15.50-19.00	11.50-12.50	1,512,000	832,000		
WTD AVERAGE	16.66	12.38				
20% OR MORE						
RANGE	-	12.00-13.50	880,000	-		
WTD AVERAGE		13.00				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 6 FEBRUARY 2004.**

The market was steady to firm on bulk parts and meats, 4-8 lb. breast steady, and institutional size breast steady to fully steady. Inquiry was active on most items with some processors offering product only when it is actually produced to reduce price risk due to the strength of the market. Offerings were held with confidence, except for 4-8 lb. breasts which ranged light to adequate for buyers' needs. For domestic: frozen mature breeder hen tenderloins 110, fresh hen drums 49 cents delivered.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	48.00		48.00	104	47.47	392
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	36.50	40		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	27.50	40	27.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	80.00	80	85.06	432

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	48.00		48.00	104	47.47	392
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	36.50	40		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	27.50	40	27.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	80.00	80	85.06	432

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	47.00		47.00	208		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	36.50	40		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	27.50		27.50	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	80.00	80		

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	46.13	92		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	36.50	40		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00		80.00	80		

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	46.13	92		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	36.50	40		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00-87.00		86.20	352		

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.